

RESTORATION OF WATER RIGHTS ON WEBER, BEAR RIVERS REQUESTED BY STATE ENGINEER

Since the waters of the Weber and Bear rivers vitally affect property owners in Summit county, the following letter concerning a request for the restoration of the rights of the public to the unappropriated water from these two rivers should be of interest to the residents of this area. A similar letter concerning the Bear River was also sent to Governor Lee by the State Engineer. The proclamations in their full content will be found elsewhere in this publication.

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NS TROUNCES SOUTH SUMMIT

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North Summit and South Summit, traditional rivals, put all their might and strategy together in a gridiron fight that was a thriller last Friday night. It was an important win for N.S. in their quest for the region II championship.

North Summit got its two Stouch-downs in the first and second quarters. South Summit knocked on the door a number of times, but the door just didn't open.

To start the first quarter, South Summit kicked an onside kick but North Summit was able to grab the ball and started a down field march. The Braves on straight football marched right through the Wildcats line to score its first touchdown. Gary Jones received the honor of making the six pointer. Through the remainder of the quarter the ball changed hands many times on unsuccessful attempts to make first downs.

North Summit's second touchdown was made in the second quarter by Eddie Jensen. After this second TD the Braves began to have their troubles. Once NS began another drive for a touchdown but lost the ball on a fumble on the 45 yard line. Another time Ferris Lynn threw a long pass to Gary Jones which caddied about 30 yards, but before another play could be started, the half ended.

The third quarter consisted of passing by both teams but each failed to make the required number of yards and the ball would change hands.

In the last of the fourth South Summit threw a series of passes and began to rally for a touchdown. It was first and ten on NS's four yard line when the Wildcats threw a pass that was intercepted by the Braves Mel Brown. The game ended with the score 12 to 0 giving North Summit their third straight conference win.

SCHOOLS TO CLOSE

Schools in the North and South Summit districts will be closed Thursday and Friday, Oct. 13 and 14, to allow all teachers and school officials to attend the Utah Education Association convention in Salt Lake City. The convention will continue through October 15.

REPAIR CORNICES

Contract with Otto Buehner Company of Salt Lake City on the repairing and retouching of concrete cornices on the South Summit elementary school has been completed, according to Superintendent John L. Owen. The contract called for the removal of some cornices considered a hazard and the retouching of others to improve their appearance.

Honorable J. Bracken Lee
Governor of the State of Utah
Building

Dear Governor Lee:

Enclosed for your consideration please find a Restoration Proclamation which proposes to restore the right of the public to appropriate surplus and unappropriated water from all sources within the Weber River Drainage Area and from certain named streams along the Wasatch front in Davis and Box Elder Counties in Utah. This Restoration Proclamation and my recommendation thereon are made pursuant to Section 73-6-2, Utah Code Annotated 1953. It is my opinion that the enclosed Restoration Proclamation will serve the best interests of the public; therefore, I recommend that the right of the public to appropriate the waters described therein be restored.

The original withdrawal proclamation suspending the right of the public to appropriate the waters described therein became effective on February 2, 1949. It is my understanding that the purpose of this withdrawal was to restrict further development of the river system by private interests and to prevent nuisance filings until investigation of proposed reclamation projects could be completed by the United States Bureau of Reclamation. Primarily, the Weber Basin Project was involved. It now appears that the purpose of the withdrawal has been accomplished and the need for suspension no longer exists but rather there is a definite need for restoral.

Under date of September 6, 1955 I received a letter from the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District requesting restoration, and under date of September 10, 1955, I notified the United States Bureau of Reclamation and the Utah Water and Power Board of my proposed recommendation in order that all necessary precautions could be taken to acquire and protect the water rights for any proposed state or federal projects.

It appears further that there is a consistent demand from individuals and private enterprises for the right to file on the waters of the Weber River in order to develop the water resources of the area. We believe private enterprise should be encouraged in this regard by restoring the waters of the Weber River to appropriation.

It is for the reasons outlined above that I recommend that the right of the public to appropriate the surplus and unappropriated water from all sources as described in the proclamation be fully restored. Upon approval of this proclamation, kindly return to this office two executed copies of the proclamation in order that the records of this office will be complete.

Respectfully yours,
(Signed)

Joseph M. Tracy,
STATE ENGINEER.